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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents has been cited in parent Application No. 10/080,677. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/359,713	Seiji Takahashi Shinya Matsui	July 23, 1999	2853

The foregoing copending application was cited in the parent application in an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2002. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

US '009, JP '107, JP '964, JP '229, JP '221, JP '957, JP '143 and JP '732 were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2002, in the parent application. JP '964 and JP '229 are discussed at page 3, JP '732, JP '143, JP '957 and JP '221 are discussed at page 13, and JP '107 is discussed at page 28 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '009 corresponds to JP '229.

US '973 and EP '166 were cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed November 6, 2002, and were listed in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience. U.S. Patent No. 6,178,009, also cited in the Search Report, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2002.

EP '324 and EP '267 were cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed February 26, 2003, and were listed in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience. U.S. Patent No. 6,178,009, also cited in the Search Report, was previously cited in the

Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2002. U.S. Patent No. 5,992,973 and European Patent Application No. 1 043 166, also cited in the Search Report, were previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed November 6, 2002.

US '259 and US '143 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated April 11, 2003, in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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	6,168,259	01/2001	CAPURSO	347	36	
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1 063 267	12/2000	EUROPE			

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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